

# FISCAL NOTE

## HB 2372

March 3, 1998

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** (1) Increases the salary for the governor from \$85,000 to \$130,000 effective January 16, 1999; (2) Adds that beginning November 3, 1998, members of the general assembly shall be paid a salary equal to the average salary paid to state employees as determined by the office of the comptroller; and on July 1, 1999 and each July 1 thereafter, the compensation of each member of the general assembly shall be increased by a dollar amount equal to the average annualized general increases of state employees in the previous year; and (3) Increases the salaries of the speakers of the house and senate from \$49,500 to \$81,900 per year.

### ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

**Increase State Expenditures – Exceeds \$1.1 Million FY 1998-99  
Exceeds \$1.7 Million FY 1999-2000 and  
Subsequent Years**

Assumes:

- 1) expenditures of \$25,425 for an increase in salary and benefits for the governor in FY 1998-99 (six months) and \$50,850 in FY 2000
- 2) increase in salary and benefits of \$1,017 per month for eight months for 130 members of the general assembly resulting in a cost of \$1,057,680
- 3) increase in salary and benefits of the speakers of the house and senate by \$3,051 per month for eight months for \$48,816
- 4) increase in pension benefits received by Tennessee's former governors and former governors' widows (\$41,400 FY1998-99 (six months) and \$90,000 FY2000 and thereafter), since these benefits are based on the current annual salary of the governor.

### CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director